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Janet Prudham (left) and Esme Caine at the installation of the new sign at the Showgrounds in 2022

## New faces on committee and big plans for 2024

The Gidgegannup Agricultural Society elected a new committee at their Annual General Meeting last month.



### Jan's big tree just fell over!

Jan said, "It's a river red gum, Eucalyptus camaldulensis, planted about 25+ years ago when we moved here, Dave had dug it up from a property he had in Mundaring. It's obviously growing on a bed of granite, unsurprisingly, and that would have made it unstable, I guess it is lucky it didn't fall over years ago! Also lucky that it didn't land on any buildings or fences, or across any driveways etc".

Jan Pittman

Both nominations for President were for men held in high regard by all members, so it was hard to farewell Gordon Caine. Congratulations to Marcus Hemsted whom although new to this role has been a committee member for many years.

### 2024 Committee

President: Marcus Hemsted

Snr Vice President: Hugh Burges

Jnr Vice President: June Quinsee

Treasurer: Collin Messervy

Secretary: Carolyn Webster

Committee: Helen Shalders, Esme Caine, Janet Prudham, Steve and Kay Williamson, Janelle Burges, Alison Archer, Val Forrest, Sandra Harms and Judy Wilson.

### Join up - become a member

The annual Gidge Show gives our community an opportunity to develop a sense of belonging and a chance to showcase what we have to offer both locals and visitors. A large membership is vital to keep this event on the map. The 2024 committee will have a lot to do and finding new members to support us is a priority, so if you have a few hours to spare, please become a member or renew your membership and let the committee know.



### MEMBERS

Marcus & Zoe Hemsted  
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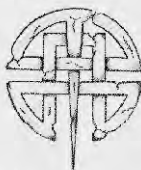


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## Thank you Gordon Caine

On behalf of the Gidgegannup Agricultural Society I wish to thank Gordon Caine for his service to the Society for at least 30 years.

Gordon's commitment and dedication to the continuation of the Gidge Show and the maintenance of the Showgrounds, cannot be understated. Under his stewardship the Gidge Show has grown bigger each year.

For many years Gordon folded and bundled the Gidgegram ready for delivery by Australia Post, this being only one of many tasks undertaken by Gordon to keep the Show alive.

Along with wife Esme, Gordon made sure there was always food at social gatherings and extra ordinary committee meetings, mostly at his own expense.

Gordon, I hope that you now have more time to relax and enjoy yourself.

Your input and knowledge of the Show will be missed.  
**Sandra Harms**



*Gordon with two loves of his life.*

## Gidgegannup Recreation Club

The committee wishes to welcome new and old members as we kick start the year. It was great to see new faces at our AGM. The 2023 committee have stayed on the with no changes for 2024 except to welcome with delight two new comers, Zac Beddis and Josh Smith, They bring fresh ideas to the table and an extra pair of helping hands to the club. *Office bearers listed on page 19.*

All booking inquiries can be done by email to [bookings@gidgegannuprecclub.com.au](mailto:bookings@gidgegannuprecclub.com.au) or Contact Carey on, [secretary@gidgegannuprecclub.com.au](mailto:secretary@gidgegannuprecclub.com.au)

The HOT topic for conversation, is how we are all surviving the heat. The Pavilion is air-condition so come along and enjoy on the cool air. Join us at our next social event or book your next event with us.

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### Swap Meet Sunday 7th April

7 am for sellers, fee \$10

8 am for buyers , entry fee \$2

A sausage sizzle will be available.

## Thanks to Rosemary and Phillip

This year the Society will also miss Phillip and Rosemary Corbin. They have been a formidable team for 30years.

Phillip was involved mainly with the parking at the Show while Rosemary could be found catering at the Hall.

Rosemary's hamburgers a hot favourite at committee gatherings. For their commitment we give heartfelt thanks.

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# Gidge Gossips *By Sally Block*

Well I thought last month was bad enough but another month of searing temperatures on the garden and little water and to say the least it has seen better days. We are going to need good steady rains all through winter and in to Spring to replenish underground water. The last time we had a really low rainfall in the low 500mm the following winter we had well over 1000mm so here is hoping.

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Fortunately we do have quite a lot of storage so we have managed to keep some of the garden alive with sprinklers. The dams have gone to nothing so on the upside a good clean up for them. This means all the livestock are on bore water which is still operating but we daren't use it for the garden. We did think that we had used a rather large quantity of that water and, as there were no leaks can only come to the conclusion that we could have had some water pilfering. Hope they don't use it for the house as it will demolish any hot water/solar system with the iron content. We now have extended the covert cameras and changed padlocks. Steps I never thought we would need to take in Gidge.

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If you do have water to spare and sprinklers do use them as the birds love the water. We have a steady procession of ducks, galahs and 28s in the horse troughs which means we have to clean them more frequently but you can't blame them.

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Our elderly goldie is having a bit of trouble when it is very hot, particularly at night. The dogs have their own little air con, we do without. The horses are coping well at the moment, though I was concerned about our old girl. At 23 she was getting a bit tired, mind you so was I. Rain/showers are forecast for the weekend, let's hope so.

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The Magic Million 2024 sales have been on in the Valley and how successful this has become now. It is great that the Swan

Valley has this venue and the great number of visitors who are attracted to this beautiful part of West Australia.

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The Community seems to have sorted out any problems with Gidgestock and it was good to see that it could be talked through and both sides were supportive of the proposals. It is events such as this that contribute to the fabric of our community and I say a lot for our community that we were able to sit down and sort the problems out.

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The Show and the Field Day also create some problems and noise for those living in proximity but we have all worked together to sort these out.

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Jen Kent the Field Day's President has moved to town and the new committee haven't skipped a beat in getting on with the job.

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The Agricultural Society, sadly, are saying goodbye to Gordon Caine as their President. This is sad as Gordon over the past 7 years as President and over 30 years on the committee has contributed so much to the Showgrounds, maintaining and improving them. Ready to help anyone and willing to work endlessly to produce a great show. The Show would probably have fallen by the wayside if not for Gordon. He has done an amazing job and we need to thank him so much for his contribution to Gidgegannup. He is going to be sorely missed.

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A man goes to a psychiatrist and says, "Doctor, I keep having these alternating recurring dreams. First, I'm a teepee. Then, I'm a wigwam. Then, I'm a teepee again. Then, I'm a wigwam." The psychiatrist looks at him and says, "Relax, you're just two tents."

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Next Meetings: 18th March, 15th April 2024 at 7.30pm at the Agricultural Hall.

## GIDGESTOCK:

We held the Forum we advertised. Thanks to all those who attended, over thirty community members, with differing views on Gidgestock and how they saw its' future. Steve Mitcham gave a short history of Gidgestock and then discussion was open for those present to tell us why they loved Gidgestock and some to tell us how they thought it could be improved to have less impact on the neighbours.

Some points I would make, the City of Swan last year contacted all the near neighbours to see what complaints there were and only received one negative response. The Organisers do issue free tickets to neighbours and to residents of Reen Road and these can be used by themselves or gifted. The event is held under an Event Licence from the City of Swan, which imposes certain conditions. The police have not had a single complaint in the last five years.

After about an hour's discussion it was clear that issues were:

Noise – from the music which like all good music festivals had a fair amount of bass. Steve had talked to his sound people and it was felt that some of the “bam” could be taken out of this to mitigate the sound, particularly at the more sensitive times.

Traffic Management – this team undertook to ensure that visitors vehicles did not block the entrance to properties. They were also going to have some information on their fb page re. the care that needs to be taken driving in rural areas with the narrow roads we have. GPA are going to talk to the City re. improvements to the shoulders of Reen Road to improve passing opportunities.

Antisocial behaviour – It appears that at times the traffic queue to enter the grounds can take a little time so strategic

toilets will be placed for the convenience of those who have to make a visit in a hurry. The Gidgestock team also identified some other minor adjustments that could be made to improve the occasion. Thanks to everyone who turned up and took the time and thought to talk this issue through in a very reasoned way.

## EXTENDED POWER OUTAGES AND MOBILE PHONE TOWER OUTAGES FOLLOWING STORM ON 16th JANUARY 2024

We would like to have your feedback on the fall out from the Storm we had in January and the impact on our community. Congratulations and brickbats, as we would like to make a community submission regarding this as it had a great effect on many of us. However a thank you to Western Power and the City for working so hard to return us to some normality. Won't include Telstra in this, but that is another issue.

## NORTH STONEVILLE UPDATE:

On February 2 the State Administrative Tribunal granted orders for the amended North Stoneville structure plan 34 to be listed for a directions hearing on March 8.

The Department of Planning said it was likely on that date that the tribunal would start scheduling the matter towards a final hearing for a decision about the amended structure plan.

In 'North Stoneville row not over until Satterley walks' (Echo News, December 15) reported that although the Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC) had again rejected the amended structure plan at its December 7 meeting, the disagreement between Satterley and the WAPC was headed back to SAT in 2024 unless the developer and the landowner walked away from the development.

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## GIDGEGANNUP AGRICULTURAL HALL RENOVATIONS:

Meeting for community discussion is being rescheduled to February.

## THREE-BIN FOOD ORGANICS AND GARDEN ORGANICS (FOGO):

Minutes of the meeting of 14th February 2024

## 15.5 CR HENDERSON - PROPOSED GIDGEGANNUP FOGO NONPARTICIPATION

Cr Henderson submitted the following Notice of Motion:

### That Council resolve to:

1. Exclude the suburb of Gidgegannup from receiving a FOGO service as part of the City's FOGO implementation program.
2. The City of Swan undertake a review of the proposed FOGO service in the rural areas and bring it back to a future briefing of council.

### Reason for Motion (provided by Cr Henderson)

1. Residents have sought that they be removed from the program as they can use alternative disposal methods.
2. The widely distributed and relatively small population will cause elevated cost implications for the City and ratepayers
2. The City of Swan undertake a review of the proposed FOGO service in the rural areas and bring it back to a future briefing of council.

### RESOLVED (7/5) TO: That Council resolve to:

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FOGO service as part of the City's FOGO implementation program.

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For: Cr Catalano, Cr Dorn, Cr Henderson, Cr Johnson, Cr Jones, Cr Singh and Cr Zannino

Against: Cr Bowman, Cr Howlett, Cr Knight, Cr Miles and Mayor Richardson

## CARBON TO ETHANOL PILOT PLANT;

We would like to notify you and the Gidgegannup Progress Association that Woodside will no longer be progressing the proposed Carbon to Ethanol Pilot Plant at the Red Hill Waste Management Facility.

While we continue to explore potential opportunities to deploy carbon capture utilisation technologies, we will need to re-assess when, where and how these specific technologies can be deployed and assessed in the most cost-effective way.

We would like to extend our thanks to you and the members of the Gidgegannup Progress Association for the time you have taken

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# Gonneville Project Update



## Local Voices Community Survey

Local Voices survey is back, and we invite you to participate. This is a series of independent surveys designed to help Chalice better understand what matters most to your community, helping to inform our decision making as we consider a potential future mine at the Gonneville Project.

**The  pulse survey is now open for community members to complete - closing soon.**

For each completed survey, participants will have the option to allocate a \$5 donation to a local community group of their choice.

### Complete the survey now



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## Welcome Nick!

**Chalice is pleased to welcome Nick to the team as our new Community Relations Advisor.**

Nick is a welcome addition to the community team and will work alongside our existing Community Relations Advisor Kate, as they continue to engage with the community around the Gonneville Project.

Nick is an experienced community relations and communications professional, with many years of experience in regional communities around WA. He is looking forward to learning more about the Wheatbelt communities we work in and meeting you in the Chalice Toodyay office (open Thursday mornings, near IGA).

You can expect to see more of Nick in the coming weeks.

## Gonneville Project Activity

**The Gonneville Project is now in the Pre-Feasibility Study (PFS) stage, which will include more detailed investigations into the mine plan and infrastructure (power, water and logistics etc). The Project is not yet a mine, and work is currently being completed to understand what a potential future mine may look like.**

The PFS stage also marks a greater focus on desktop studies, and as a result there has been a significant reduction in the day-to-day exploration activity at the Gonneville site. This slowing of site-based activity is typical in the mine development timeline. Adjustments will include a reduction in the number of drill rigs, Chalice staff on site and traffic on local roads surrounding the project area.

Chalice has also recently undertaken a reduction in corporate expenditure, despite reductions in Chalice expenditure the Gonneville Project progress remains a priority and on schedule. We will continue to provide funding opportunities through our Community Investment Program and our Toodyay Office will remain open.

## Julimar State Forest Activity

As part of our broader exploration work, Chalice has also been exploring across the region including within a small area of the Julimar State Forest. We have minimised our impacts to the environment through the design, management and monitoring of these exploration activities. Current exploration activity is limited to drilling on existing cleared tracks only.

The current program of low-impact drilling is expected to conclude this month. We will continue to keep the community updated if our work in the area recommences.

## Seedling Success

Hundreds of seedlings have been successfully propagated from cuttings collected on Chalice-owned farmland. The work involves trials in the propagation of various hard to grow species, which form a significant part of the native ecosystems on Chalice property and the surrounding areas. This work is part of the Gonneville Restoration Project, aimed at increasing habitat availability for wildlife and connecting remnant areas of vegetation on farmland with the adjacent areas of native vegetation in the Julimar area.

A seed collection and storage program is underway to ensure a diverse range of plant species can be grown in any restoration areas. A pilot restoration site has been identified adjacent to the Julimar State Forest and will be used to test different restoration techniques and success measures, which in time will then be rolled out across larger-scale restoration efforts.



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## Experience Gidgegannup - part 2

Welcome back to part two of the introduction to Experience Gidgegannup and The Small Farm Field Day.

The fact that I was unable to upload photos to the previous article of Jennifer and Ian Kent, Felicity and myself speaks volumes about our need for younger volunteers to help us in this technical world.

Each year for the Field Day we put our collective heads together to try to come up with new ideas, and new talks to keep our visitors informed as well as entertained.

We have tried many avenues to ask the public what they'd like to see, but unfortunately we don't get much feedback and so we just go ahead and do what we think will be of interest.

Because our aim is to educate and get the next generation involved, we keep our entry prices to a minimum. This year again will be \$15.00 for adults and under 16 free. We are always delighted at the number of families with children coming through the gates.

Last year we worked in with members of the Gidgegannup Agricultural Society to share information which would benefit both groups. We are looking to streamline this even more. Thanks to Hugh for sharing his plans to make the parking area more user friendly for both groups. We are now working on making site marking that



*From Left Felicity Morgan, Penny Morgan, Ian Kent and Jennifer Kent.*

works for both groups. It feels great that the two community events are working together.

I mentioned last month that we had lost two stalwarts of the Field Day, Jennifer and Ian Kent. They had many years of accumulated knowledge, Jennifer knowing most of the stall holders, where they liked to be positioned, what they needed.

For all of these years of help, we give our heartfelt thanks.

The Field Day and the Show can only happen because of volunteers. It is not an arduous task. A few meetings during the year to discuss plans, culminating in a day of setting up marquees the day before the event and taking them down at the end of the day on Sunday, plus setting out and

packing up tables and chairs around the grounds. Another assistant we would welcome would be to help on the Sunday morning 6:30 to 8:30am helping stall holders find their sites, a friendly face and ability to walk fast are the only requirements here.

If you feel you'd like to become more involved with this community group please contact one of us. Absolutely no special skills required, just a passion to be a part of our great community.

Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of most months. You do not need to attend every meeting. Much of our communication these days is by email. Pop in and check us out. Phone numbers are on the back of the Gidgegram.

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The course was held on Wednesday 17th January 2024, with the morning session comprised of CPR training and was attended by five participants. They were provided refreshments by the Morangup Sub Centre, and in the afternoon, three participants continued on to complete their Provide First Aid certificate.

The Training Centre is a credit to the small group of dedicated Morangup volunteers who built this great facility for the community. Locals can learn essential life-saving skills in the comfort and convenience of this fantastic new building, which has excellent training equipment and resources. The courses are run by St John Ambulance accredited first aid trainers.

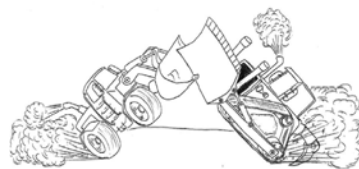


*Participants from Morangup's first training course*

Come and see the great facilities at Morangup Sub Centre, 48 Wallaby Way, and meet some of our wonderful volunteers at our Open Day on Saturday 16th March at 12pm. Go into our free raffle draw on the day to win an Off Road First Aid Kit valued at \$110. We will have discounts on offer on our current stock of first aid kits and a free sausage sizzle.

Morangup's next first aid course is set for Saturday 23rd March 2024, so if you are interested then contact the Sub Centre on 0418 741 971 or [morangup.subcentre@stjohnambulance.com.au](mailto:morangup.subcentre@stjohnambulance.com.au).

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**Date: Saturday 16th March 2024**

**Time: 12noon**

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*Morangup's First Aid Training Centre  
was completed in late 2023.*

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# *Perfect conditions for Cotton Bush and weeds*

## **Around the Paddock** by The Farmer

What a month February has been. Just one scorching hot day after another with total fire and vehicle movement bans more often than not.

For all the years that I have been in the Hills this would rank at the top as one of the worst.

Dry feed baked to a crisp with the unrelenting sun and the wind. I would think that everyone would be saying enough is enough of this summer.

With no rain for some time now the dust is certainly making life difficult for some us.

Though as I prepare this article it has drizzled a little bit today and some more is forecast for tomorrow (Sunday).

With the very dry conditions those annoying weeds, Stink Wort, Turkish Thistle, Wire Weed, Cotton Bush, just to name some, do tend to thrive over the summer months.

If left alone, these plants will multiply many times over.

Don't let this happen. Get on top of them before they overtake big areas of pasture.

Cotton Bush in particular, is a very invasive plant, with each "cotton" ball containing a myriad of seeds. Once it breaks open they drift along to settle where-ever.

Spraying of these annoying weeds is the easiest option.

If spraying is not your "thing", then a mattock, shovel, and a bag or wheel barrow would be the only other option to eradicate them.

Of course with so much dry weather the only benefit gained from it is that any dry feed is still there and hopefully will help to get your livestock through.

Livestock will still need a bit of TLC with some form of feeding, be it hay, pellets etc. Just a top-up to keep them in good stead for when the weather does change. Hopefully sooner than later.

Unfortunately hay both meadow and cereal is in extremely short supply and those that do have it for sale will no doubt be rubbing their hands together.

Red meat prices have come back a bit over the last few sales, but as I have said before, present good healthy looking stock to the market and the prices will reflect the inputs.

Now moving on: Time to look at land and pasture preparation. Perhaps it could be timely to have an analysis of soil taken. One or two soil samples will give a clearer picture of what is missing in the soil profile to produce sustainable paddock and crop needs for the coming season.

These kits are readily available from agricultural supply stores. There is dollar cost involved, but are definitely worth the expense.

So with this in mind if you are going to be doing any top



*Cotton Bush*

dressing, now is the time to start getting organised.

Lime in its various forms is easily obtained.

The various super products are out there, but bear in mind, once again this year will not be cheap as we have known, from past years so, you have had a soil sample done, and now know what the paddocks require. This should help to alleviate some of the cost, rather than second guess what might be needed.

The way this summer has shaped up, we may be in for a shorter than normal winter and spring growing season.

If this scenario does happen, then the sown crops, clovers and grasses will be needing all the help they can get.

With little rain forecast on the horizon, keep those firebreaks tidy, and hopefully the dangers of fire through lightning strikes or other means will not be too onerous this season.

We seem to have been a bit lucky this fire season. There have been a few and a couple of serious ones, but hopefully the worst has passed us now.

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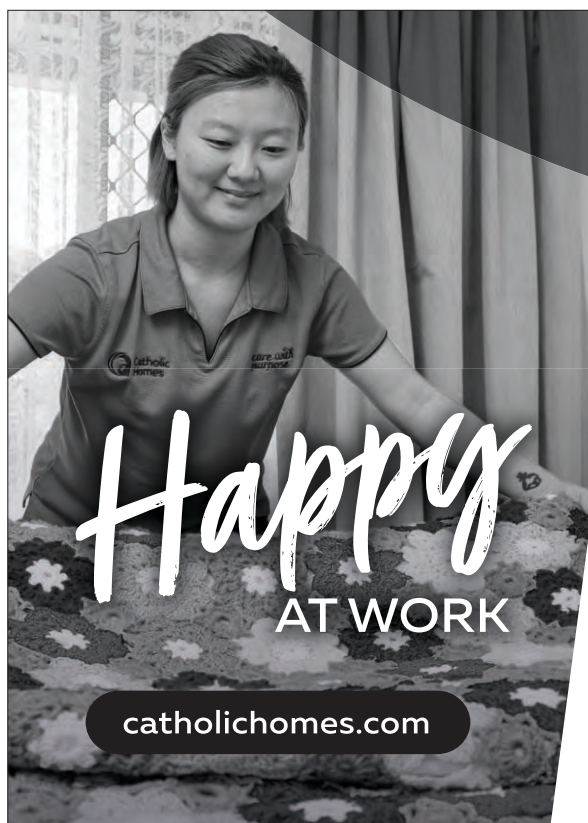
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## GPA Report *continued from page 7*

### TELSTRA – COMMUNICATIONS GENERALLY;

During the extended power outage of up to days during the storms in January, it was clear that our mobile towers do not have anywhere near sufficient back up. The Reen Road tower gave up after four hours and the Reserve Road one didn't last much longer. This effectively left Gidgegannup without communications except for those on StarLink or SkyMuster. The alternative was to take a drive to the top of Red Hill and pick up the signal there. The businesses in the townsite and elsewhere had problems operating unless they had a generator and even then the eftpos was down, so farewell to the cashless society. The GPA contacted Telstra regarding this and were told that they had over 200 towers out for various reasons (bushfire, storm, etc.) and Gidgegannup was not first on the list. The Townsite tower came on line on the Friday three days after the storm came in and the Reen Road one never came on line until power was restored on the Sunday. This left many people without any way of getting emergency help. We have been asking repeatedly for more back up for our towers to be told that we are not a priority. We are remote, rural, residents are ageing, many were extremely vulnerable during that time as were others in the area, should there have been accidents on our roads, in paddocks, etc. We have a high risk of bush fire. We may be in the Outer Metropolitan area but we ARE NOT URBAN. We need recognition of this by both Federal and State Government. We are being failed miserably by those who are supposed to be looking after us.

Western Power worked tirelessly to restore power but there was a great deal of damage to utility infrastructure. Maybe now is the time to try and disaster proof vulnerable areas. It was fairly evident this storm was on the way. Perhaps those "in charge" get a handle on this before the next disaster.

Having said that, we are also responsible to practice fuel mitigation in regards to bushfire and storm, have back up generators ourselves and have water on hand to help fight fires. Living in the

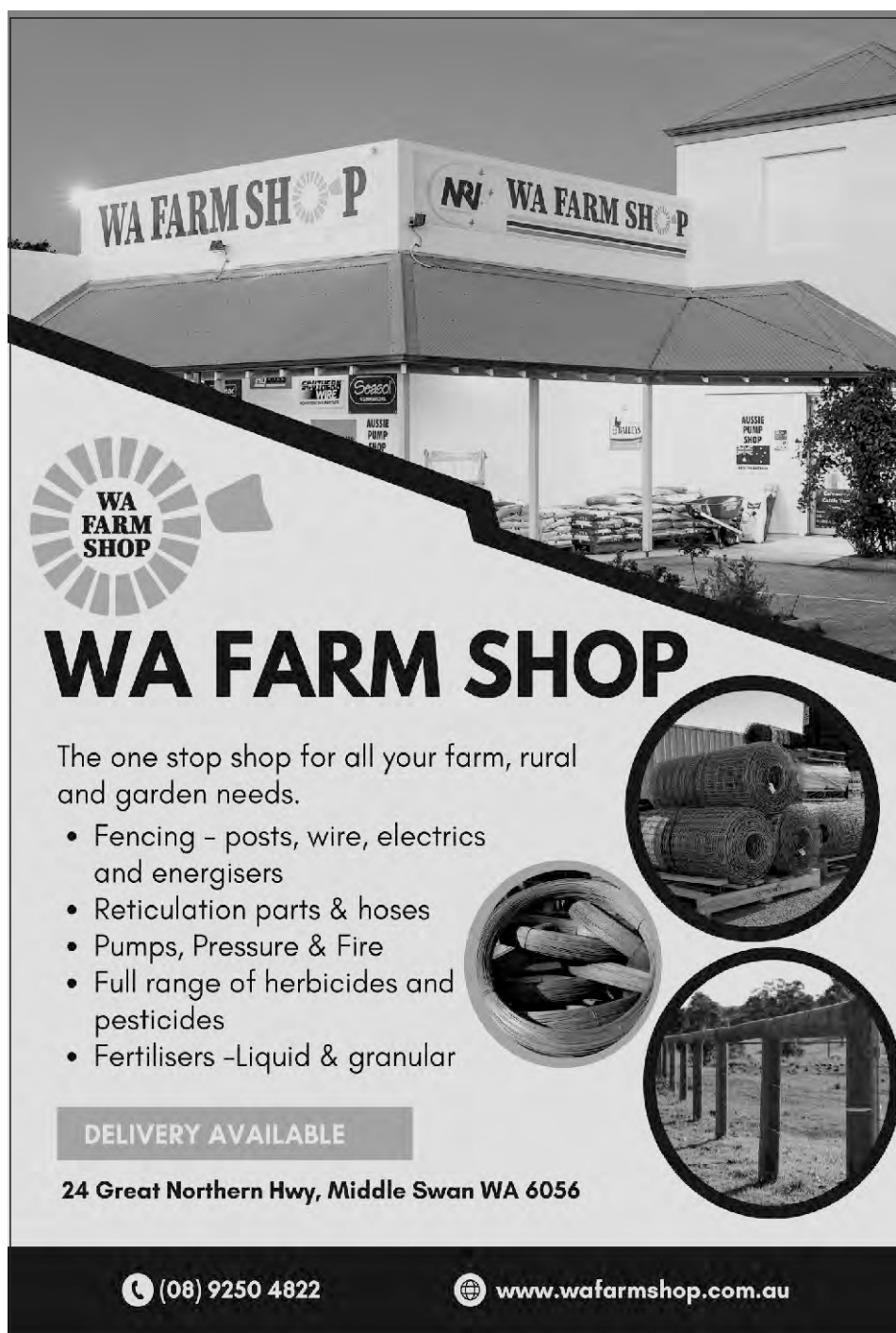
Hills carries certain responsibilities. Let's see what can be done before the next time.

**Telstra response:** Currently we have around 60 mobile sites out of service due to power loss, overnight around 25 gensets were connected to key transmission points and we are working today on the remainder. I'm advised that the size and scale of the impacts and numbers of network impacts is similar to those during Cyclone Seroja. Western Power have indicated likely power resumption around midday today however I'm sure there will be further

delays where there is physical damage involved.

We have our field techs working on priority restorations and will have services restored as soon as possible.

The outage to the Reen road mobile tower could be transmission related, that is, loss of power to one of the feeder sites, currently I'm not across this level of detail but our network teams are and will be prioritizing accordingly. (that email was dated 17th January, 2024. Restoration for Townsite tower 20th January, Reen Road – 22nd January)



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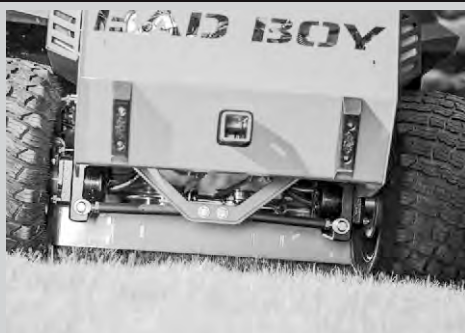


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# The Cleaners Poem

We love to sleep in and we couldn't that day  
As the sound of a blower blew all sleep away  
Our neighbours – fine people – are younger than we  
And were blowing their blower like a fine melody

It was Sunday morning at five-forty-five  
We needed our sleep but were sadly deprived  
By this jolly wee blower which blew loud and blew long  
On and off it kept blowing like an out-of-tune song

We'd not heard the like, it was going like the clappers  
Not heeding the needs of its neighbouring nappers  
We covered our ears as best as we could  
But our efforts to block it were not any good

The blower it blew for at almost an hour  
By which time we were feeling quite mad and quite sour  
Our beauty sleep ruined by the noise and the farts  
Of the blower still blowing with its fits and its starts

Now why did our neighbours not use a nice broom  
It is silent and slick and soon sweeps up a room  
But no they were keen to clean up their back yard  
And it made trying to sleep just a little bit hard

And did we complain? In the nicest way only  
We don't want to upset folk and end up feeling lonely  
And then in our letter box – what do you think?  
An apology plus earplugs – quick as a wink

But how many earplugs arrived with the letter?  
Just two which did not make us feel any better  
We each need a pair which does not equal two  
And sharing two earplugs made us both want to spew

We thought of revenge and a good one it was  
Some bagpipes from Scotland now residing in Oz  
We were ready to play them across our quiet valley  
Just like with the Anzacs – we'd play the reveille

But the following Sunday all was peaceful and silent  
So we didn't feel quite so aggressive and violent  
The message for all is to not work too hard  
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If your details have changed please send new details to [sandrafayeharms@gmail.com](mailto:sandrafayeharms@gmail.com)



FORGET THE TOW TRUCK.... JUST BRING A VERY LARGE SPATULA!

## Welcome to new businesses advertising in the Gidgegram



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CONTRACTING**

Your local fencing specialists  
Gidgegannup and surrounds

**Farm Fencing - Equine Fencing  
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 @ceruralcontracting  
 info@cerural.com.au  
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## Renewing Hope Counselling in Gidgegannup

Life throws many struggles at one point or another. Although it is a normal course of life we often find it difficult to navigate through what is going on, let alone bear it on our own. Sometimes it helps to have someone you can learn to trust and share your burden with. There is a space where you will not feel judged, only heard and together we can work out a plan to help you get unstuck and move forward to achieving a more meaningful life.

### FOCUS

- Anxiety                    ➤Couples Counselling
- Depression           ➤Premarital Counselling
- Stress                    ➤Grief and Loss
- Family Issues       ➤Trauma



For Bookings call Helen: **0407 994 519**

*Renewing Hope  
Counselling*

GIDGEGANNUP AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY INC.

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Applicant's Name:.....

Spouse/Partner Name: .....

Postal Address:.....

Email:.....

Please forward your completed form and subscription to:

The Treasurer, Gidgegannup Agricultural Society Inc.,  
PO Box 22, Gidgegannup WA, 6083

Email: treasurer@gidgeagsociety.com.au

**For EFT payment on line:**

**BSB: 633108 ACCT: 120250147 Reference: Your Name.**

Children attending Primary & Secondary schools are included in Family Membership.

Child 1 - Name & Date of Birth:.....

Child 2 - Name & Date of Birth: .....

Child 3 - Name & Date of Birth: .....

(If necessary, attach additional Family Members separately.)

**Membership fees: Family: \$30.00    Single: \$15.00**

**Applications for Membership will be considered at the next Committee Meeting of the Society**

**[www.gidgegannup.info/gidgegannup-agricultural-society/](http://www.gidgegannup.info/gidgegannup-agricultural-society/)**

**Members  
receive  
FREE Entry  
to the  
Gidge Show**